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War and Peace

Vocabulary

All the words in this lesson may be associated with war and peace.

- anarchy** (AN ur kee) N. absence of government (*After the war there was anarchy in many of the heavily bombed cities.*)
- annihilation** (uh NY uh LAY shuhn) N. total destruction (*The annihilation of London was the goal of German bombers during World War II.*)
- arduous** (AHR joo uhs) ADJ. difficult; laborious; strenuous (*Carrying heavy weapons through swamps is an arduous task.*)
- atrocious** (uh TROH shuhs) ADJ. cruel; exceptionally evil (*During time of war, atrocious acts may be committed against innocent civilians.*)
- catastrophe** (kuh TAS truh fee) N. a sudden disaster (*The bombing of our city was a catastrophe.*)
- chaos** (KAY ahs) N. extreme confusion (*Pearl Harbor was in chaos after the Japanese bombed it.*)
- conspire** (kuhn SPYR) V. to work secretly with others in unlawful or evil activities (*During wartime some people are willing to conspire with the enemy.*)
- doctrine** (DAHK trin) N. a principle that is taught (*The United States has always supported the doctrine of free speech.*)
- heinous** (HAY nuhs) ADJ. exceptionally wicked; horrible (*Adolf Hitler was responsible for many heinous crimes.*)
- hysteria** (hi STER ee uh) N. wild or uncontrolled emotional excitement (*No one could calm the children's hysteria as bombs fell on the school.*)
- imminent** (IM uh nuhnt) ADJ. about to take place (*The government feared war was imminent and began mobilizing its army.*)
- incipient** (in SIP ee uhnt) ADJ. beginning to appear or occur (*The incipient gunfire made us hurriedly retreat into the forest.*)
- mitigate** (MIT i GAYT) V. to make less severe (*Doctors worked to mitigate the soldiers' suffering.*)
- mutilate** (MYOOT uhl AYT) V. to damage or cause to lose a limb; to maim (*Stepping on a land mine can kill or mutilate a soldier.*)
- pact** (pakt) N. an agreement (*The armies made a pact to cease fighting over the holiday.*)
- serenity** (suh REN i tee) N. peacefulness (*The serenity of the quiet, restful countryside was broken by artillery fire.*)
- subjugation** (SUHB juh GAY shuhn) N. a state of being dominated (*The slaves could not stand their subjugation any longer.*)
- turmoil** (TUR MOYL) N. total confusion, disorder, and disturbance (*Police tried to control the turmoil in the streets before rioting began.*)
- unify** (YOO nuh FY) V. to join together; to cause to be one (*The allied nations must unify to win the war.*)
- withdrawal** (WITH DRAW uhl) N. the act of pulling back (*King George ordered the withdrawal of British troops.*)